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The crowds of merry shoppers, the active buying and selling, and yet one is impressed with the ease and smoothness with which it all is accomplished.

We are constantly planning and devising ways and means through which our store can do the most good—can be of the most help to its patrons.

If you haven't been to the store recently, a visit to it now and a look at

our vast assemblages of Quality Merchandise for the Xmas Holidays

will do more than anything else to show how splendidly ready we are for the season of gift-giving.

Join the throngs who will come here to-day.

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LOWEST BIDDERS MAKE COMPLAINT

Newport News Firm Writes Council Concerning Contract for City Wharf.

Feeling that their proposal to construct the new city wharf, for which award was made on Tuesday night to H. M. Allport & Son, of Richmond, received scant consideration at the hands of the Council Committee on Improvement of the James River, Alsop & Peirce, of Newport News, the lowest bidders, have forwarded to the City Council a letter asking for a reconsideration of the action of the committee.

The bid submitted by Allport & Son was \$22,959.50, to complete the work in 180 days, while that of Alsop & Peirce was \$23,300, to complete the work in 250 days.

In awarding the contract to the local firm the committee agreed that it was its intention to patronize home industry and in view of the fact that Allport & Son promised to do the work in less time than the Newport News competitors, it was proper that they should be awarded the contract.

The letter which Alsop & Peirce have forwarded to the Council, and a copy of which was sent to The Times-Dispatch, is as follows:

"We note from The Times-Dispatch that our proposal for the construction of the pile and timber bulkhead wharf, which was opened November 29, was the lowest submitted, but was rejected by the committee on James River Improvement in order that a local contractor might be awarded to a local firm."

"This work has been advertised all over the country three times and we have gone to considerable expense and trouble to submit bids, and each time the bids were opened we were the lowest bidders. We made the time of completion 250 days in order to protect ourselves against the usual high water in February and March, and not for the purpose of securing a profit."

"Furthermore, if time is so important a factor in this contract, why have we taken eighteen months to let the work? We are as well equipped, both in plant and experience, for handling this class of work as any one else, and can do the work as quickly as any other firm, it being to our interest to complete it as soon as possible."

"According to the newspaper report your committee has recommended the payment of \$695.50 for two months time by accepting the highest bid and paying \$215.50 more they could have saved two months more time. This shows that time was not the only consideration."

"On July 14, 1910, we received a letter from C. E. Hollins, City Engineer, advising that your committee had recommended the acceptance of our bid of July 5, 1910, for the wharf, which bid was later thrown out by your body on the ground that they preferred a concrete dock."

"In view of the facts above stated, we feel that this work justly belongs to us and we hope you will take the same view of it."

"We can and will push the work to rapid completion as any one else."

"Yours truly, (Signed) 'ALSOP & PEIRCE'."

Asked to Show Cause.

Judge J. C. Pritchard, in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, sitting in Elizabeth City, N. C., this morning held a hearing in the case of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company against the Lenoir County Railway Company, in which the latter was asked to show cause why it did not fulfill a contract to install a switch near Rockingham, N. C.

THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

Our officers and directors have always made good in everything they have undertaken.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVING FUNDS

TRAVELING MEN WANT MORE LAW

Hotel Measure Should Be Amplified, According to Majority Opinion.

Continuing in its program of encouraging legislation looking to the protection and comfort of travelers, the Virginia Travelers' Association in its annual session at Murphy's Hotel last night voted unanimously to ask for an amplification of the hotel bill which was recently passed in modified form after being advocated by the association. While the law as it stands removes many of the evils that have been complained of, it is felt that it is not sufficient to protect the traveler in the hotel.

On the question of legislation requiring the railroad companies to pull mileage on the cars, the association was unable to reach a hard and fast agreement. It was generally agreed by the delegates that such a law would work no hardship on the railroad companies, but before committing it to any definite course, the association voted to refer the matter to the executive committee for full investigation and final action.

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CENTURY MARK SAFELY PASSED

Fund for New Y. W. C. A. Building Shows Grand Total of \$103,921.

GOING AFTER BALANCE NOW

Team Standing Somewhat Changed as Yesterday's Record Is Presented.

With the century mark safely passed as a result of yesterday's work, the campaign for the \$150,000 fund to construct a modern Y. W. C. A. building in Richmond received the stamp of success, little fear being entertained that the \$50,000 yet to be raised will be subscribed in the five days still remaining.

Figures compiled at campaign headquarters, Sixth and Main Streets, show that a total of \$103,921 have been subscribed, the work of the collectors yesterday yielding \$7,847. The amount that is needed, however, is still far from complete, and an average of \$9,000 a day is necessary if the fund of \$150,000 is to be raised by December 6, when the campaign closes.

With the city already pretty well covered it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain the high averages of earlier days, and the four committees engaged in raising the money have been working hard to make their work count for them. These are confident, however, that when the curtain falls on December 6 the record or subscriptions will be in hand, and are redoubling their efforts to make their hope a reality.

The tabulated report of yesterday's activities shows Mrs. T. P. Bryan, captain of Company B, of the young women's committee, was the day's champion result getter, with subscriptions amounting to \$1,602 to her credit; Captain G. N. Skipwith, of Company B, of the business men's committee, is second, with \$625. Third honors went to Mrs. John G. Miller, captain of Company A, of the young women's committee, with a total of \$471.

Standing of Committees.

Table with columns: Committee Name, Yesterday, To Date. Includes Captains, Young Women's Committee, Business Men's Committee, Citizens' Committee, and Women's Committee.

Handles Large Funds.

The several funds embraced in the jurisdiction of the Second Auditor of Virginia aggregate \$25,654,799.75, exclusive of the income to the credit of current account, constituting a large and important fiduciary trust. In its administration, and in the details incident thereto, the annual disbursement of the funds through the office amounts to \$2,000,000.

The Second Auditor has supervision of all matters pertaining to the public debt, the sinking fund, and all records of both; has the management as accountant of the literary fund and its various branches with the custody of the securities; has the same jurisdiction of the retired teachers' fund and the entire management of the Miller fund.

During the past fiscal year the commissioners of the sinking fund have purchased \$50,100 Riddleberger and \$140,000 century bonds, making with other purchases and cancellations a total of \$11,631,914.40. In addition to the old unfunded debt, the latter holds West Virginia certificates to the amount of \$2,745,462.11, of which \$719,622.62 is the literary fund's share.

West Virginia Representative.

Commenting on the decree of the Supreme Court of the United States on the State debt question, Judge Dew says: "Nor has West Virginia, in any disposition to adopt the suggestion of the court that the matter of interest should be adjusted between the parties litigant."

SUIT INSTITUTED

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Building Permits.

Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows: J. E. Melton, to erect eight detached frame dwellings on the east side of Buchanan Street between Fairfield and Accommodation Streets, to cost \$4,360. J. E. Melton, to erect two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Baker Street between St. Paul and St. Peter Streets, to cost \$2,500.

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VIRGINIA SHOULD PURCHASE BONDS

Second Auditor Dew Thinks Riddleberger Issue Ought to Be Retired.

HIGH STANDING OF DEBT

Sinking Fund Has Canceled \$220,700 During Past Fiscal Year.

Acquisition by the State of a portion of the Riddleberger bonds in anticipation of their maturity is earning recommendation by Second Auditor John G. Dew in his annual report issued yesterday. The time of maturity on these bonds is July 1, 1932. At that period approaches, says the report, the bonds will enhance in value, and will be withheld from the market awaiting the time when the outstanding portion of the issue must be redeemed by the Commonwealth at par.

In view of this fact the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund urges upon the General Assembly to be authorized to trade any century bonds purchased by the commissioners of the sinking fund, for a like amount of Riddleberger bonds. It is further recommended that "it would be well to allow all holders of Riddleberger bonds to surrender the same in exchange for a equal number of century bonds. Thus the difficulty suggested would be avoided, and the whole sinking fund would be merged into one class of bonds, which should be satisfactory to the creditors and would simplify the records pertaining to the same."

Virginia's Standing.

"Every citizen of Virginia," comments Judge Dew, "must contemplate with patriotic pride the present high standard of Virginia's credit; that her bonded debt is the most attractive in the money markets, as does the further fact that by act of the General Assembly all fiduciaries are authorized to make investments of their trust funds in these bonds, as safe and legal and sufficiently protective of the trusts committed to their charge. By this enactment the State holds harmless all fiduciaries who invest in her securities. This policy has tended to centre the bonds in the hands of Virginians, retaining in circulation within the State the largest paid-up amount of securities, estimated that at least 65 per cent. of the State debt is held in Virginia."

A noticeable feature in connection with the bonds is the fact that they are being distributed more largely, for the number of individual accounts with holders has increased within a few years from 900 to 1,700.

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TEN ALDERMEN ARE ALREADY PLEDGED

Twenty Councilmen Promise to Vote for Change in Government Plan.

NEED THIRTEEN ALDERMEN

Citizens and Commercial Bodies Still Working Hard for New Ordinance.

While opponents of the simplified system of municipal government are claiming that the ordinance providing for an administrative board and a reduction of wards may be adopted by the common Council, only to meet defeat in the Board of Aldermen, advocates of the great movement are putting forth every effort to have the plan win out by a safe majority. Well informed members of the Council have checked over the list, and have made certain the names of those who will support the special report in the two branches.

In separate session it will require the votes of thirteen Aldermen and twenty-one Councilmen to adopt the ordinance. That number is not already outspoken in its favor, but with concerted effort and united work on the part of citizens and commercial organizations it is believed that the opposition will be crushed when the final ballot is taken. Ten Aldermen and twenty Councilmen are regarded as certain to vote for the change.

Public Wants Names.

There was a big demand yesterday for the names of department heads in the city government who are trying to defeat the will of the people. The City Hall politicians, however, are keeping under cover, realizing that the movement is gaining strength every day and through fear that hereafter officials who are opposed to a change in the system will not be needed when that system is changed.

In checking over the list last night it was found that Aldermen and Councilmen, designated by a star, have signified their willingness to vote for a reduction of wards and for the executive board. The full list follows:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Clay Ward.

Robert Whittier, Jr. John F. Don Leavy. John J. Mitchell.

Washington Ward.

W. J. Gilman. A. W. Bennett. Marx Gunst.

Henry Ward.

Barton H. Grundy. Graham B. Hobson. Joseph Kain.

Monroe Ward.

John B. Biley. James A. Moncure. Robert G. Rennolds.

Madison Ward.

Joseph E. Powers. P. H. Donahoe. H. E. Atkinson.

Jefferson Ward.

W. H. Adams. Frank L. Butler. W. H. Melton.

Marshall Ward.

John R. Grimes. A. C. Nelson. Samuel P. Cowardin.

Washington Ward.

John W. Moore. J. R. Perdus. R. L. Patram.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Clay Ward.

John T. Powers. W. Fred Richardson. Jacob L. Brinkman. Clarence A. Seaton. T. Gray Haddon.

Lee Ward.

Claude L. Watkins. W. D. Butler. E. H. Ferrispon. H. R. Pollard, Jr. Clyde H. Ruffice.

Henry Ward.